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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR DISTRIBUTING METH IN BULLITT COUNTY

Subject to deportation after serving sentence
Two pounds of meth worth \$90,000

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Jose Solis-Munoz**, age 36, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced on September 24, 2007, to 10 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possession with the intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Solis-Munoz to 5 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Solis-Munoz, a Mexican National illegally in the United States, pled guilty and admitted that on or about November 2, 2006, in Bullitt County, Kentucky, he possessed with the intent to distribute and distributed 905.8 grams of methamphetamine, worth approximately \$90,000 on the street.

On November 1, 2006, a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) confidential source (CS), contacted Solis-Munoz to arrange for the purchase of 2 lbs. of methamphetamine in exchange for \$20,000. On November 2, 2006, the CS met the Solis-Munoz at a motel located off of I-65, and purchased 2 lbs. of methamphetamine.

Upon arriving at the Super 8 Motel, Solis-Munoz exited his hotel room and entered the

vehicle of the CS, who was parked in the motel parking lot. Solis-Munoz told the CS that he would retrieve the 2 lbs of methamphetamine from the hotel room and bring it to him. He then exited the vehicle, entered the motel room, and then returned to the CS's vehicle with two containers filled with methamphetamine. Solis-Munoz took the money from the CS, and proceeded to return to the motel room when he was arrested by DEA agents.

Upon being arrested, further investigation revealed that Solis-Munoz was a citizen of Mexico who was illegally in the United States. Upon serving his sentence, Solis-Munoz will be subject to deportation back to Mexico.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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